Annual pension charges in the Education Department.

253. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement, showing the annual charges on the Pension list, from 1101 to 1107 (both inclusive), on account of (a) retired officers, clerks, peons of the Education Department; (b) retired teachers, clerks and peons of the Sirkar Primary Schools, and (c) retired teachers, clerks and peons of the Sirkar Secondary Schools?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Please see the statement appended. (*Appendix I.*)

Provision for the issue of licenses for private markets in the State.

254. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state under what regulation and under what provision of the said Regulation are licenses for holding private markets granted in Cochin State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Licenses for holding private markets are granted under sections 162 to 180 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation XI of 1096.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I take it that all the licenses now granted for private markets are granted under the Municipal Regulation?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government is informed that in the case of arecanut markets, they do not exactly follow the schedule of fees prescribed in the case of other markets. With that exception the Municipal Regulation applies throughout the State.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Under what law are these arecanut markets governed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They existed long before 1085 when the Regulation was first introduced. In those days they used to collect fees according to some set standards and standards are followed now.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there anything written, any contract to show in what manner and under what authority they did their trade?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think there is any written order, that it may be collected in such and such a manner. That has been a long custom prevalent for years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether, with the exception of the amounts collected, in other respects the licenses were granted under the provisions of the Municipal Regulation?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Since then this section was introduced to apply throughout the whole State.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is this Municipal Regulation applicable to the arecanut trade as well?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Commission collected on articles brought to the markets.

255. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether licenses granted for carrying on markets contain the rate of commission the licensee is allowed to collect on articles brought there;

(b) if not, are there directions given to them for the same?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is said here that there are directions given. May I know what form these directions take, whether they are written or oral?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The directions, I think, are those that are to be found in the Regulation itself. By the very application of this section, these directions apply.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that for private markets the amounts prescribed under the Regulation are the amounts collected by the licensee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is what I just explained. It is not quite so in the case of arecanut markets alone. They follow the old rates that were prevalent.

Mr. A. I. Mani.—Was there any complaint about the rates collected by the market holder?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No complaint has reached the Government.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is it a uniform rate or is there any fluctuation in the rates collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a uniform rate.

Issue of B. form passes—inconveniences to the public.

256. Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the public are put to any inconvenience in granting B. Form passes by the department;

(b) which is the head-quarters of the officer authorised to issue the passes and how many miles away is it from Nemmara?

(c) whether the Forester at Nemmara cannot be authorised to do the same work;

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